



# Calendar of Events 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremonies (Sep 04)



With the summer almost behind us, and the break that traditionally goes with it, Belgium is preparing to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its liberation by the Allied Forces in September 1944.

Our hosts will be honoring the sacrifices made by the Allied troops in general, and by the U.S. servicemembers in particular, during World War II.

Your Public Affairs Office is heavily involved in the coordination of these events with our host nation counterparts. If you have the time, we recommend you try to attend one of these with your families.

Honoring the World War II heroes and getting a feel for the gratitude of our hosts will be both a rewarding and educational experience you will never forget.

Here is a calendar that lists most of the events. Feel free to call us for details at DSN 361-5419 or civilian 068/27.54.19.

DATE	LOCATION & SCHEDULE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
2 SEP 04	<b>Cendron/Monceau/Imbrechies/Chimay</b> (BE/US Foundation) 11:00 Religious Service Cendron 11:45 Ceremony at the monument 15:00 Ceremony at Monceau-Imbrechies 16:00 Ceremony at Chimay Reception Evening concert by BE band 23:30 Fireworks	Cendron was one of the first Belgian villages that was liberated by U.S. troops. The first 12 soldiers to die on Belgian soil at the Liberation fell at Monceau-Imbrechies. Ceremony at Chimay is for all WWII victims (military and civilian) 80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Color Guard and Officer will participate to the ceremonies
3 SEP 04	<b>Momignies</b> – concert by the 76 <sup>th</sup> Army Band at the “Kursaal” (BE/US Foundation) 19:00 – 21:00 hrs Concert	“Liberation” concert 80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Officer Representation
4 SEP 04	<b>Mons</b> – concert by the 76 <sup>th</sup> Army Band on the Mons Main Square 20:00 – 21:00 hrs Concert (Open air)	“Liberation” concert 80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Officer Representation

4 SEP 04	<b>Tienen</b> 15:30 – WWII vehicles convoy and various WWII scenes throughout the town 19:30 – Ceremony on the Main Square Participation of some 40 U.S. Veterans (2 <sup>nd</sup> AD) 21:00 - Evening concert by local band	Commemoration of the Liberation of Tienen in presence of some U.S. veterans who were part of the Liberation at Tienen on 4 SEP 44 80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Color Guard and Officers will participate to the ceremony
4 SEP 04	<b>La Louvière</b> 10:15 – Peace Parade through town 10:45 – Ceremony on Place Communale followed by reception	80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Officer Representation
5 SEP 04	<b>Bastogne</b> – concert by the 76 <sup>th</sup> Army Band on the McAuliffe Square 16:00 – 17:00 hrs Concert (Open air)	“Liberation” concert 80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Officer representation
7 SEP 04	<b>Gilly</b> (Charleroi) – concert by the 76 <sup>th</sup> Army Band at the City Hall organized by the 5 <sup>th</sup> Fusiliers Battalion 19:00 – 21:00 hrs Concert	The 5 <sup>th</sup> Fusiliers Battalion are a group of Belgian veterans who fought with the 1st U.S. Army during the Battle of the Bulge 80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Officer representation
8 SEP 04	<b>Chièvres</b> – concert by the 76 <sup>th</sup> Army Band at the Cultural Center at Ladeuze (Chièvres) 18:30 – 20:30 hrs Concert	“Liberation” concert 80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Officer representation
9 SEP 04	<b>Malmedy</b> – Ceremony organized by the CRIBA (Historical Research Center on the Battle of the Bulge) 14:30 hrs - Ceremony	80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Color Guard and Officer will be participating
10 SEP 04	<b>Limont</b> (South of Liège) – Ceremony is organized by the CRIBA and in presence of 11 U.S. veterans of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> AD 15:30 hrs - Ceremony	80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Officer representation
10 SEP 04	<b>Foy</b> (Bastogne) – Ceremony is organized by the “Remember Americans” Association 14:30 hrs – Unveiling of a monument at the site where the U.S. temporary cemetery used to be located	80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Color Guard and Officer will be participating
11 SEP 04	<b>Dizon</b> (Verviers) – Ceremony organized by the CRIBA in presence of 11 veterans of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> AD 15:00 hrs - Ceremony	80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Color Guard will be participating
11 SEP 04	<b>Henri-Chapelle/Aubel/Thimister Clermont</b> Organized by the Remember Museum and in presence of U.S. veterans 15:00 hrs – Ceremony at Henri-Chapelle 16:00 hrs – Ceremony at Aubel 18:30 hrs – Concert by the 76 <sup>th</sup> Army Band at Thimister Clermont	80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Color Guard and Officer will be participating (attendance of the DCM) The Remember Museum is worth a visit on a separate occasion ( <b>if</b> the museum is open on this day, you won’t be able to get the full explanations from the owner as for each item displayed, he knows the story that goes behind it - very interesting)
12 SEP 04	<b>Neufvilles</b> (Soignies) Ceremony incl.	80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Officer representation

a display of WWII pictures and documents  
Also WWII vehicle convoy  
Ceremony at the WWII monument  
Time to be confirmed

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19 SEP 04	<b>Welkenraedt</b> – Commemoration of the Liberation of the city Details to be confirmed	80 <sup>th</sup> ASG Color Guard and officer representation
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20 SEP 04	<b>Bastogne</b> – Ceremony in presence of large number of 101 <sup>st</sup> AB veterans Ceremony at the “Bois de la Paix” (Peace Forest) and ceremony at the Mardasson Memorial Details to be confirmed	All veterans of the Battle of the Bulge have a tree at the Peace Forest with a plaque bearing their name.
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**REMARKS:** We would like to encourage anyone who would like to participate to any of these events, to let the 80<sup>th</sup> ASG Public Affairs Office know at DSN 361-5419/5694 or civilian 068-275419/275694. Also, we may be able to provide transportation (on space availability basis). Entrance fee is applicable to some concerts, *except for U.S. military*